

APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND EXISTING PLANS THAT APPLY TO PUBLIC LANDS ALONG THE PETERSVILLE ROAD

Following is a summary of state plans, land management actions, management agreements, and legislative designations along the Petersville Road. This document also summarizes some of the key recommendations in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's recently adopted *Petersville Road Corridor Management Plan* and *Trails Plan*. This document is not intended to be a comprehensive list; it includes only those types of activities that have had or are likely to have the greatest effect on the long term management of public land along the Petersville Road.

Susitna Area Plan (SAP)

- Adopted in 1985 and applies to all state-owned and -selected lands along the Petersville Road Area (with the exception of state lands that have been legislatively designated that are or will be managed under their own management plans).
- The plan designates parcels of state lands along the Petersville Road starting at the Parks Highway Junction as follows:
 1. Most of the lands between the Parks Highway and the Oilwell Road are in private and borough ownership. The few small state-owned parcels are designated Settlement.
 2. Most of the land between Gate Creek and the Forks Roadhouse is in state ownership. These lands are codesignated with various combinations of the following: Public Recreation, Wildlife Habitat, Water Resources, and Forestry. Two small areas along this stretch of road (Peters Creek Subdivision and Gate Creek Subdivision) are designated Settlement with no land sales proposed within view of the roadway.
 3. Almost all the lands between the Forks Road House and Petersville are state owned or selected. They are designated Forestry, Public Recreation, Water Resources, Wildlife Habitat. These lands are recommended in the SAP for legislative designation as a Public Recreation Area.
 4. Almost all the lands north of Petersville between Cache Creek to the west and the Tokositna River to the east are state owned or selected and designated Mining, Public Recreation, and Wildlife Habitat.
- Since a state leasing law (AS 38.05.073) adopted in 1991 requires that an area plan specifically allow for a type of commercial recreation leasing for it to be authorized, and since the Susitna Area Plan was adopted prior to the enactment of this law and did not specifically allow for commercial recreation leasing, leases under AS 38.05.073 cannot be authorized in this area without a revision to the Susitna Area Plan.
- The *South Side Denali Final Development Concept Plan Environmental Impact Statement* (DCP) calls for SAP and other state policies to be reviewed and modified as necessary to designate the immediate road corridor lands for retention in public ownership. Through the SAP revision process the department can address issues related to development and anticipated increased public use of state land along the